

InMotion May 2012



Happy Spring! There are flowers blooming all over town, sometimes the sun even shines, and the temperatures are warming up so get out there and enjoy it. Take a hike, a bike ride or even just walk to the corner store for a gallon of milk.

A great goal for this spring could be to replace one car trip a week with walking, biking or taking the bus! Go for it!

See the final Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan at: www.eugenepedbikeplan.org

InMotion is a monthly e-newsletter produced to help communicate with Eugene's biking and walking enthusiasts. Each month you will find information about upcoming local events and advocacy opportunities that pertain to all forms of active transportation. Please feel free to forward this great community resource to anyone you think might enjoy it.

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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers Needed for Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts

Bicyclists and Pedestrians: As you know, our community is making a great effort to help Eugene become a more walkable and bikeable city. We need your help to count bicyclists and pedestrians along our paths and streets. Your help is critical in measuring existing use and evaluating the progress made over past years. Counting bicyclists and pedestrians is a great way to help out with the city's overall effort to make Eugene a great city for walking and biking with a small time commitment -- and you even get to be outside! Volunteers from previous years said it was fun, educational and passing walkers, runners and bicyclists were very excited that counts were happening.

We are looking for people to do weekday and Saturday counts on a sunny day in May. Weekday dates are May 22-24 and May 29-31. Saturdays are May 12, 19, 26 or June 2. Weekday AM counts are from 7 - 9 AM and PM counts from 4 - 6 PM. Saturday counts are from 12 - 2 PM. ***The date the counts are taken can be arranged to meet your personal schedule.***

If you are interested in doing a bicycle/pedestrian count (or even two), please contact Lee Shoemaker at [541-682-5471](tel:541-682-5471) or at lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us for more details. If you haven't volunteered to count pedestrians and bicyclists in the past, there will be a short and easy training to go over the count forms and general instructions that will take about 15 to 30 minutes. At the training, volunteers will select a location from approximately 30 counting sites

on the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path, Amazon Path, Fern Ridge Path and intersections in central Eugene or near the University of Oregon.

Training times will be held in our office at 99 W. Broadway in the Wells Fargo Building at Broadway and Oak. The receptionist on the Fourth Floor will direct you to the meeting room.

- * Monday, May 7 @ noon
- * Tuesday, May 8 @ 9:00 am and noon
- * Wednesday, May 9 @ noon
- * Thursday, May 10 @ noon and 3:30 pm
- * Friday, May 11 @ 8:30 am and noon

I am also available to meet with individuals at other times if these dates/times do not work for you.

Get Ready - Get Set - Get Commuting!

The 2012 Business Commute Challenge is right around the corner, May 12-18!

It's free – It's fun – It's great for our community!

What is it? The Business Commute Challenge (BCC) is an annual weeklong, friendly competition between area businesses. The BCC encourages our local area commuters to try a commute mode other than driving alone to work, such as walking, biking, riding the bus, carpooling, vanpooling, or teleworking (click). Last year, more than 2,300 people, representing 150 local businesses, took the Commute Challenge! We reduced 93,239 drive-alone miles! How cool is that? Very Cool!

It's an opportunity to promote new ways to commute that are healthier, better for the air, help ease traffic congestion, AND you can win great PRIZES from the following:

- Amtrak
- Eugene Em's
- Cascade Autowerkes
- Bike Friday
- Burley Design or Bike Trailers
- Hutch's Bicycle Store
- Arriving by Bike
- The Shedd
- And More! New prizes are added daily!

Make sure to check the Business Commute Challenge website for a full list of prizes and fun events held during the week of the challenge! Poker Walkabout, Drive an LTD Bus, Breakfast by the Bridges, and more! Sound like fun? It is! Learn more by visiting www.commutechallenge.org.

Registration is now open. Teams are forming quickly, and there is a buzz in the biz world!

Sign up NOW!

The 2012 Business Commute Challenge is an event coordinated and sponsored by *Point2point at Lane Transit District, City of Eugene,, and City of Springfield .*

For more information: Call Marcia Maffei, *Point2point*, at 541-682-6206

Annual Ride of Silence - Wednesday, May 16

We need your participation in this year Ride of Silence; we lost two bicyclists members of our community last year and one not too far from home at Cottage Grove.

Let's ride in the memory of Mingo Shay Pelkey who was hit while bicycling on River Rd 8/29/011, Craig Macfie hit by a drunk driver on 11/18/011, and not too far from home Michele Portman hit on Row River Road, Cottage Grove 9/21/011.

The community has to be aware of our presence on the streets and understand that we need to share and respect each other's right to be on the road. This is a ride in which we try to practice safety so please do not forget your helmet, and be prepare to ride at night. No helmet no ride.

This year the police department will join us in the ride, and a speech will be given by the night shift watch commander before we start the ride. We need to hear from the authorities to understand that the law is there to protect the bicyclist right of sharing the road.

Starting point: "Educational Memorial Plaza" located on Bailey Hill Road between Churchill High School and Kennedy Middle School, across the new crosswalk.

Ending point: "David Minor's Theater" on 5th Ave.

Program: Arrive at 6:00pm

- 6:10: introduction and reading of the names of those who have lost their lives while riding their bicycles on the streets.
- 6:20: speech by Night Shift Watch Commander from the Police Department.
- 6:30: the ride starts towards David Minor Theater
 - Flowers will be available for the riders to take and deposit at each of the memorials along the route,
- 7:20/7:30: at David Minor Theater, words by Susan Minor, candles will be available for the riders to light in memory of our love ones.

FEATURED NEWS

West 24th Avenue Pavement Project - UPDATE

On *Friday, May 11, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.* the Eugene Hearings Official will consider an appeal of Administrative Order No. 58-12-02, an administrative order of the City of Eugene Traffic Engineer that removes parking from the south side of 24th Avenue between Chambers and

Friendly Streets in the Friendly Area Neighborhood (FAN) area. The appeal hearing will be held at the Lane Council of Governments, located in the Buford Room on the fifth floor of the Park Place Building in downtown Eugene, 859 Willamette St., Eugene, Oregon.

The appeal:

- challenges the adequacy of traffic data gathered prior to the decision to remove parking,
- claims removing existing traffic calming is unwise, removes a neighborhood gateway and will result in higher speeds,
- states parking removal will force playfield and Westmoreland Park event parking to extend further into the surrounding neighborhood, reduce disabled parking and force south side residents to use north side parking and walk across 24th Avenue, and
- argues that bikes would be safer on 22nd Avenue.

As relief, the appellants request existing bumps-outs be left in place, the street repaved without bike lanes and cyclists be encouraged to use 22nd Avenue rather than 24th Avenue. The appeal asks that a “seasonally balanced traffic and parking study” be conducted prior to decision making. In addition, the appellants suggest parking be removed from the south side of 24th Avenue between Friendly and Madison Streets.

For additional information please see the West 24th Avenue project website [here](#).

Comment on proposed Transportation Goals, Projects

You are invited to comment on ideas for the City of Eugene’s Transportation System Plan. Draft goals, objectives, and policies, which will shape future funding decisions and city work priorities around transportation projects for the next 20 years, and lists of potential transportation projects, are available for review and comment online at www.EugeneTSP.org. The online questionnaire has been extended through May.

Eugene’s Transportation System Plan will define how the local transportation system should change to meet the needs of Eugene’s residents, businesses, and visitors now and to the year 2035. The Transportation System Plan uses the Eugene Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan as the basis for its recommendations for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

For more information about the project visit the project website at www.EugeneTSP.org or contact Kurt Yeiter, City of Eugene at 541-682-8379, or email Kurt.M.Yeiter@ci.eugene.or.us.

LTD Board Evaluates Fare Increase

The LTD Board takes time each year to evaluate the District’s fares. This year the Board will evaluate an increase to the cash fare, day pass prices, RideSource fares, and group pass program rates. When considering changes to the fare, the Board will consider:

- The effects of the change on Title VI populations
- The inflation rate
- Ridership and revenue trends
- Local economic trends
- Trends in automobile-related costs, such as gas

- Service changes
- Economic impact on customers
- Market conditions and opportunities
- The District's financial situation
- The District's goals and objectives

The last time these fares were increased occurred in July 2008. If adopted, change to fares would become effective July 1, 2012.

The following chart summarizes what the Board is considering:

- 25¢ increase to the adult cash fare
- 50¢ increase to the adult day pass fare
- 10¢ increase to the youth and half-fare program fares
- 25¢ increase to the youth and half-fare program day pass fares
- 50¢ increase to the RideSource fare
- 5.8 percent increase to group pass rates

Public hearings are scheduled to occur 5:30 p.m. May 14 and will be held in the Bascom-Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library.

Written comments may be emailed to LTD@ltd.org or mailed to Lane Transit District, P.O. Box 7070, Springfield, OR 97475-0470.

GET INVOLVED – Public Involvement Opportunities

Highway 126 Improvements between Eugene and Veneta – Community Forum – May 8

The public is encouraged to take part in a community forum on Tuesday, May 8 to help select a preferred option, or options, to possible improvements to the OR 126 corridor between Veneta and Eugene.

This is the third of three community forums to involve the public in developing the Highway 126: Fern Ridge Corridor Plan. The plan has evaluated a range of alternatives to enhance the safety and function of Highway 126 between Huston Road and Greenhill Road.

Community Forum #3: Choose an Option will:

- Share results of cost analysis of the top choices from Forum #2
- Select a preferred option, or options, to be forwarded to the Lane County Board of Commissioners and the Oregon Transportation Commission

What: COMMUNITY FORUM #3: CHOOSE AN OPTION

When: 6-7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Where: Elmira High School Cafeteria, 24936 Fir Grove Lane, Elmira

Refreshments will be provided

Please register in advance by email at info@highway126.org

To learn more about the project, visit: <http://highway126.org/>

Note: Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. To request an accommodation to participate in this meeting, please call Ellen Teninty at 541-345-5091 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, or contact the state relay at 7-1-1.

Celebrate Eugene@150

Citywide events in honor of Eugene's 150th birthday include music, art and fun of all sorts:

- Summer in the City – The Beatles tribute band Abbey Road LIVE and Radio on July 11, 6 p.m., Kesey Square. Free!
- Commemorative Eugene@150 stamp cancellation available, Oct. 17, Eugene Skinner Cabin in Skinner Butte Park – one day only!
- Eugene's Birthday Party - Public art unveiled at 13th and Alder; fun procession to party at Skinner Butte Park, Oct. 20, 3:30-6 p.m. Free!

There are lots of opportunities for neighborhoods to participate, share ideas and join in the fun:

- Online at www.eugene-or.gov/birthday
- Visit facebook.com/Eugene@150
- Call 541-682- 8478

What's Your Neighborhood's 150?

Tell us how your neighborhood will celebrate Eugene@150 on facebook.com/Eugene@150 and www.eugene-or.gov/birthday . Eugene has given us an awesome place to live for 150 years – celebrate with us by giving “your 150” – invite neighbors to participate – and then share “your 150” with us! We invite your neighborhood to be creative and have fun!

Already, Eugeneans are stepping up:

- Story Catchers will record 150 stories from people in our community.
- Solarize Eugene will help 150 households install solar systems.

Will your neighborhood:

- Hold a picnic with 150 potluck dishes?
- Collect 150 pounds of food for a local food bank?
- Volunteer a total of 150 hours to help clean up a neighborhood park?
- Get 150 neighbors to dance the hokey-pokey at a community event?
- Have fun and celebrate Eugene@150!

Comments Sought on Area Transportation Planning Activities – May - June

Lane Council of Governments is the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization, the lead agency for regional transportation planning and distributing federal transportation dollars for the central Lane County area. It serves as a forum for cooperative transportation decision making within the region.

Over the next month, the policy board for the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (the Metropolitan Policy Committee) will review an addendum to the draft Fiscal Year 2012/Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The Unified Planning Work Program describes the transportation planning activities to be

undertaken in the Central Lane Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area. The addendum being reviewed outlines any changes anticipated for the second half of the 2-year work program.

The Unified Planning Work Program is prepared for Federal and State agencies to meet the requirements for federal certification of the MPO's operations and to coordinate regional transportation planning among jurisdictions. The UPWP sets priorities for regional transportation planning activities that are responsive to the goals set by the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and contains detailed information about planning tasks, federally funded transportation studies as well as other relevant transportation studies funded with non-federal funds, funding sources, and the agencies responsible for each planning activity.

The Metropolitan Policy Committee will review and discuss the UPWP at their May 10th meeting. Based on the input received from the public and the policy board, staff will present a final UPWP document for approval at the MPC meeting scheduled for June 14th. The public comment period will begin on Friday May 4 and run until Sunday, June 10 at 5:00 pm.

Materials and information on how to submit public comments are available at the MPO Website: <http://www.thempo.org/>

Eugene Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – May 10

Thursday, May 10, 2012, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sloat Conference Room (Enter from the back alley off 10th Ave.),
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th, Eugene, OR 97401

Eugene's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the City of Eugene Transportation Planning staff and community organizations and partners on implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan, represents community and constituent interests in transportation planning decisions, and provides feedback to staff on projects relating to walking and bicycling. Guests and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

All BPAC meetings are open to the public; guests will be provided with opportunities to speak at the beginning of each meeting. The staff liaison to the BPAC is Lee Shoemaker, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at (541) 682-5471.

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Approve April 12, Meeting Summary Notes
3. Bylaws Voting Procedure Changes
4. 2012 Project Updates
5. Recap of Bike Parking Tour
6. Capstone Development Update
7. Camas Ridge Safe Routes to School Study
8. West Eugene EmX Advocacy
9. Willamette Street Study

10. Information Share

AREA EVENTS

GEARs Bike Safety Class Schedule - 2012

The purpose of these classes is to provide an opportunity for people at all levels to learn more about bicycling - the laws that govern us in Oregon, the kinds of crashes that are the most common and how to avoid them, and ways to apply the principle "Bicyclists fare best when we act and are treated as drivers of vehicles."

VIEW CLASS SCHEDULE HERE: <http://edu.eugenegears.org/classes>

Adapted Bike Assessment Offered by Appointment

The City of Eugene Adapted Recreation Program is offering advice on what type of adapted cycle individuals with disabilities should rent. A specialist will work with you one-on-one to explore the variety of cycles and find the best match for you. Assessment includes a one-hour bike rental. Rental dates and times are subject to availability. Assessments are \$10 and by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or for more information Call 541-682-5311, weekdays.

Upcoming First Saturday Park Walks!! 9a.m.-11 a.m.

Explore the ecology and management of Eugene's beautiful parks. Naturalist from the Outdoor Program at the River House will lead these FREE interpretive walks.

For more information call: Phone: 541-682-5329

June 2, Delta Ponds

Meet in the parking lot behind Valley River Center by the entrance to the bike path.

July 7, Hendricks Park

Meet at picnic shelter.

Aug 4, Fern Ridge

Meet at the end of Royal Ave. near West. 11th

Sept 1, Ridgeline Trail

Meet at the Willamette Trailhead at Willamette St. & 52nd Ave.

First Friday Outdoor Baby Walk and Talk – 9 AM – 10AM

Discover natural locations to take your baby for walks around Eugene while socializing with others and enjoying the great outdoors. Walk are on paved paths and will happen rain or shine. You may want to bring a stroller or other baby carrier. Free and no registration necessary. For more information, contact the City of Eugene River House Outdoor Program 541-682-5329.

May 4 – West Eugene Wetlands: Meet at the Meadowlark Prairie Overlook at Green Hill Rd and Royal Ave.

June 1 – Owen Rose Garden: Meet under the arbor by the parking lot. 300 N Jefferson.

Cycling for Veterans – Wednesdays

Join other vets on weekly bike rides after work, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Get ready for the VA MOVE ride in Roseburg, a 15 mile ride for disabled vets. Or set your goal for the Solder Ride in September in Seattle. Meet at Alton Baker Park near shelter #1.

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm

April 25, 2012 – September 5, 2012

For more information contact Patty Prather at 541-682-5311

Get Your Bike Ready for Summer – May 7

The City of Eugene Adult Services program is offering a basic bike maintenance class for adults to get ready for summer riding. Participants will learn about a 6-point safety check, repairing tires, brake tune-ups and repair, adjusting your shifters and more! Bring your favorite bike and dress to get grubby. The class is offered from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. The cost is \$13.

Register online at www.eugene-or.gov/recenroll and use barcode: #98506 For more information call 541-682-5318.

Solarize Eugene Workshops – May 7

Join more than 175 people who have signed up to be part of Solarize Eugene!

Next Monday, *May 7 from 5:30-7 at the Downtown Public Library*, we are hosting our first home energy efficiency workshop! Pick up no- and low-cost tips for saving energy and chart a course towards greater savings. Learn the ideal steps for weatherizing your home from an EWEB Energy Management Specialist. Find out details on financing and incentives. You can also [learn more about efficiency on our website](#).

We're holding two free workshops a month around town to help you decide if solar power is right for you and for you to learn how Solarize Eugene works. The full schedule is below and you can check the [website](#) to confirm dates and locations. While you're there, please check out our updated *FAQ page* at: <http://solarizeeugene.info/faq/>

Solarize Eugene is a program of The Resource Innovation Group, funded by an EWEB Greenpower grant, with additional support from the City of Eugene.

Upcoming Workshops

- *Monday, May 7th, 5:30-7pm Downtown Public Library, Bascom-Tykeson Room
– THIS WILL BE AN EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP
- Saturday, May 19th, 10:30am-noon Trinity Methodist Church at 440 Maxwell Road
- Tuesday, May 29th, 7-8:30pm Hilyard Community Center
- Wednesday, June 13th, 6-7:30pm Umpqua Bank, 497 Oakway Rd.

LiveMove Speaker Series - Eugene-Springfield Transit: What are the real questions? – May 16

Jarrett Walker, an international consultant in public transit planning, believes that transit can be simple, if we focus first on the underlying geometry that all transit technologies share.

Wednesday, May 16th
6:00-6:30 Social Hour
6:30-7:45 Presentation
Lillis, Room 182, University of Oregon

Other events throughout the day. See poster below.



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2012 SCI EXPERT IN RESIDENCE:

JARRETT WALKER

EUGENE

Wednesday, May 16th

Eugene-Springfield Transit: What are the real questions?

6:00pm - 7:45pm (Public Event): Social Hour and Lecture
Lillis, Room 182

*This presentation will also be broadcast on the UO Channel.
Watch live at: <http://media.uoregon.edu/channel/live/>*

Other Events:

12:00pm - 1:00pm (Public Event): Lunch with Students
Lawrence, Room 249

Bring your lunch (cookies provided) and join the conversation.

2:00pm - 4:30pm: Network Planning Workshop
Lawrence, Room 383

In this interactive, hands-on session, attendees will learn network planning principles and their application. Attendance limited to first 30 people to send an RSVP to sci@uoregon.edu by May 15th.

PORTLAND

Thursday, May 17th

Portland Regional Transit: What is the question?

7:30pm - 9:00pm (Public Event): Lecture
Portland State University
Smith Memorial Union, Room 338



Kidical Mass – Tour de Coop – May 19

Human Power and Hens, what could be better. Join us as we "Tour de Coop". Special ending at the Adkins Family Coop. Meet at Friendly Park at 2pm. Final details and information out the week before the ride in [the Kidical Mass E-Alert](#).

Experiential Learning in World-Class Bicycling Environments – May 25

You are invited to attend Cortney Mild's thesis defense.

When: 11:00am Friday, May 25th

Where: Coquille and Metolius River Rooms; Erb Memorial Union; University of Oregon campus

Abstract:

The Bikes Belong Foundation and the Federal Highway Administration have sponsored study tours to European countries including The Netherlands, Denmark, and Germany. These on-site study tours give professionals the opportunity to experience how bicycle transportation functions as part of an integrated, multi-modal, balanced transportation system. The goal is to give policymakers and transportation professionals the opportunity to learn lessons that they can apply to the US to encourage greater use of the bicycle for transportation. This research assesses the impact of those study tours through interviews with past participants. The research analyzes major lessons learned, how participants have implemented the lessons in US cities, and barriers to implementing the lessons. Recommendations for increasing the impact of the study tours are identified and discussed.

Bio:

Cortney Mild is in her final term of the Master of Community and Regional Planning program at the University of Oregon. Cortney is passionate about retrofitting US cities to create well-balanced, multi-modal transportation systems. She is the President of the UO LiveMove student group and served as speaker series coordinator for the group from 2010 – 2011. Last summer Cortney interned with the Dutch transportation consulting firm Goudappel Coffeng. This year she has been honored as the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium student of the year, an Eno fellow, recipient of the Portland WTS Chapter's President's Legacy Leadership scholarship and CH2M Hill's Strategic Partnership scholarship. In her former life, Cortney was a professional ballet dancer.

WREN's 6th Annual Walkin' & Rollin' Event Saturday - May 26

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Come and explore the West Eugene Wetlands by biking, rolling or walking the Fern Ridge Bike Path between Bailey Hill and Greenhill Road. Along the way, local experts and organizations will have educational displays highlighting the many wonders of the wetlands and participants receive a wetland passport they can have stamped at each booth for a chance to win prizes in a drawing.

Learn about wetland plants, animals, and restoration projects while enjoying our beautiful spring weather. This is a FREE event and no registration is required. For more information call 541.338.7047 or email info@wewetlands.org FREE!

Skateboarding Drop-In Lessons Offered on Wednesdays

The City of Eugene Outdoor Program invites skateboarders, age 5 and up, to learn the fundamentals of skateboarding and park riding at drop-in skateboarding lessons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday through May 9, at the U.S. SportsPlex, 4540 Commerce St. in Eugene. Children 18 & under must have parent present to register.

The cost is \$8 per lesson, paid on site. Helmets required, full pads highly recommended. Helmets, pads, and skateboards are available for loan.

For more information call 541-682-5329.

Bike Riding for Fun & Fitness - FREE!

The City of Eugene Adult Services program invites senior bike riders to participate in weekly bike rides that depart from Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., for in-town rides each Wednesday.

Rides begin at 10:30 a.m. January-April; at 9:30 a.m. beginning in May. Helmets are required; weekly attendance is not. Rides vary in length and time depending on ability. Free and drop-in; no registration required.

For more information call 541-682-5318.

Walking Groups

Self-led groups walk 9-11 a.m. on Fridays from Campbell Center, 155 High St., and 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursdays from Petersen Barn Center, 870 Berntzen Rd. The Campbell group typically does 3-5 miles at a brisk pace and may stop for coffee along the way. Both are drop in, no registration, and free. No walks when centers are closed. Call 541-682-5318 for information.

Rock Climbing: Community Climb Time @ ATA

The City of Eugene Outdoor Program invites families to learn rock climbing basics, practice indoor climbing, and spend quality time together in a safe, supportive environment 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Art & Technology Academy (Jefferson MS), 1650 W. 22nd Ave. March 13 will be a "Circus climb" and there is no climb on March 27.

The cost is \$5 and includes instruction, equipment and maintenance. Climbers age 4 and up must fit into a climbing harness. Ask about the family season pass – a great value at \$75! Drop-in only; no registration required.

For more information call 541-682-5329.

Announcing The Oregon Gran Fondo – June 2 & 3

Join [Co-Motion Cycles](#) and [Rolf Prima](#) for **The Oregon Gran Fondo** on the weekend of June 2nd. Start/Finish at Bohemia Park in historic downtown Cottage Grove, just 20 minutes south of Eugene, Oregon.

This OBRA-sanctioned, inaugural Oregon Gran Fondo will showcase rural South Willamette Valley communities and ancient Siuslaw National Forest scenery and roads. Chip timed. Competitive and non-competitive options. Take the Challenge!

Gran Fondo is Italian and translates approximately to “Big Ride.” Gran Fondo rides have their origin in Italy and France, where the general public was invited to ride a single stage of one of the professional grand tours, the Tour de France and the Giro d’Italia, after the pro race went through.

Everyone, of any age and ability, was invited to participate. Ex-professionals and elite racers lined up side by side with 80-year-old farmers toting baguettes in the baskets of their 1920’s era commuter bikes. Family members lined the route and handed out food and water bottles. While some choose to ride fast and test their endurance, by definition, a Gran Fondo is not a race, but rather a mass start event designed to draw the community together and give everyone a chance to enjoy the fun of riding a bike on the same course as the pros. It is truly a ride for everyone!

No day-of-event registration will be available. Register [HERE](#).

The 2012 Oregon Gran Fondo begins and ends at [Bohemia Park](#) in the heart of historic [Cottage Grove](#). From Bohemia Park the course heads west to the village of [Lorane](#) and from there continues west deep into the Siuslaw and Smith River watersheds. Ancient forests, low traffic rural and forest roads, hills, rivers, vistas, more hills, good eats, and more.

This is a timed event with a police-escorted, neutral, mass start. Come with your clubs or teams, wear your club kit and start together.

MSA Youth Triathlon-Why Not Tri

[The Multisport Advantage](#) is hosting the ["Why Not Tri"](#) youth triathlon on June 10th to encourage youth participation and achievement while promoting a healthy lifestyle through the sport of triathlon. Participants are encouraged to donate to the [Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth \(LCHAY\)](#) on their [registration form](#).

The race will take place at Amazon park and pool and have three different age categories and distances for athletes ages 6-16. Please spread the word about this fun event and opportunity to raise funds for obesity prevention!

To sign your child up for the youth triathlon, click [here](#). *And, for ages 6-8, we will be allowing kick boards or other flotation devices during the swim.*

So, sign up now, have some fun, and help the non-profit LCHAY with its triathlon of improved nutrition, more physical activity, and reduced screen time for Lane County kids!

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Road Construction Traffic Advisories

- Check the [PW Projects](#) site for the latest information on road work in the Eugene area.
- Go to www.keepusmoving.info for regional project reports, including City of Eugene, ODOT and other agencies
- For the most current updates, go to www.twitter.com/EugenePW



How to Report Maintenance Issues for City Facilities

Glass on the path, leaves in the bike lane, or bushes overhanging the sidewalk? Report it to the City of Eugene!

Here are three options for reporting maintenance issues in bike lanes, on multi-use paths, sidewalks. You can use the first two to report any other issues in city right of way or parks:

1. Call 541-682-4800 during business hours.
2. Send an email to: pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us
3. Go to the City website – www.eugene-or.gov , then go to the dropdown menu on the left side and choose Public Works Maintenance, then click on “Bike Lane Service.”

CITY RESOURCES

Report a Pothole Program

It's easy to report a pothole to the Eugene Public Works Maintenance Division! There is even a handy online pothole reporting form available at www.eugene-or.gov/pothole! The form will ask for some brief information about the pothole, including its location (if on the path, try to give as much location info as possible). There's also a place for you to provide your contact information. If you would prefer, you can call Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and file the report over the phone.

If you'd like to follow up with the City after making a pothole request, just send an email to pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us with the word "pothole" in the subject line.

(Please remember that Eugene Public Works only repairs potholes on streets/paths in the city of Eugene. We will make a field inspection of every reported pothole within two business days. In many cases we will immediately fill the pothole; however, in some cases we may choose to wait to schedule an alternate treatment such as maintenance overlay. FMI: go to www.eugene-or.gov/pothole.)

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Water Bottles to Benefit the Jane Higdon Foundation

Honorary water bottles are being sold, with all proceeds going to help support the Jane Higdon Memorial Fund. The water bottles are \$5.00 and being sold at Newman's Fish Co. at 1545 Willamette Street, Eugene. Jane was an avid cyclist. She wanted to make a difference in the

world and focused on ways to make her life more meaningful. She was tragically killed in 2006, when she was struck by a truck while on a bicycle training ride on a beautiful Oregon rural road.

The Memorial Fund supports scholarships and grants to encourage girls and young women to pursue healthy, active lifestyles and academic excellence. The Memorial Fund also makes donations to non-profits that advocate and work for bicycling and pedestrian safety in Oregon. Additional information can be found at: www.janehigdonfoundation.com

Don't Forget to Purchase Your "Share the Road" License Plates



Oregon residents can help support cycling throughout Oregon by purchasing "Share the Road" license plates from the Oregon State Department of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds go to the [Bicycle Transportation Alliance](#) and [Cycle Oregon](#) to help fund bicycle education and advocacy.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/platenonprof.shtml#share>

GOVERNMENT

[Point2Point Solutions](#) promotes and offers transportation options programs to the Lane County region's businesses, organizations, and educational institutions for their employees, staff and students. It is supported by Lane County's jurisdictions and is housed at Lane Transit District. <http://www.ltd.org/cs/csindex.html>

www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles the City of Eugene website contains bike maps and resources for biking in Eugene.

www.KeepUsMoving.info This site is user friendly and contains regional information about the transportation planning process, current projects, and information about transportation options. The site is maintained by the Lane Council of Governments.

The [Oregon Department of Transportation](#) (ODOT) website includes links to the [Oregon Bicycle Manual](#) and information on laws and regulations and a list of [bike travel web resources](#).

Smart Ways to School (www.swts.ltd.org) offers free services to parents of K-12 students to help them walk, bike, carpool, or ride LTD to school. We offer a SchoolPool, a free carpool-match service. We can help parents find other students to form a walking or bicycling "school bus." Smart Ways to School also manages the free LTD pass program for students in grades 6-12. Call 682-6212.

UO Bike Program now offers bicycle maintenance classes every term. Call 541-346-4365 or come into the [Outdoor Program](#) office in the basement of the EMU to register.

The [U of O Department of Public Safety](#) strongly encourages bicycling as a way of responsible transportation. With Oregon weather, bicycling in winter months can be discouraging and challenging for those that may not have the proper riding gear. You'll find information in this site

about the availability of covered parking, safety recommendations, and a listing of local shops where you may purchase adequate gear for the conditions.

The [Eugene Transportation System Plan website](#) has been updated to include survey questions. A webcast of the transportation plan overview given to the City Council on April 18th is available [here](#). An overview will also be given to the Planning Commission at their May 7th meeting, beginning at 11:30AM in the McNutt Room at City Hall.

[Lane Council of Governments](#) is the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization, the lead agency for regional transportation planning and distributing federal transportation dollars for the central Lane County area. It serves as a forum for cooperative transportation decision making within the region. The website has information about opportunities for public comment, news and events, meetings, and transportation plans and programs. <http://www.thempo.org/>

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

The Bicycle [Transportation Alliance \(BTA\)](#) is a statewide organization that works to promote bicycle use and safety and to improve bicycling conditions throughout the state of Oregon. In the Eugene/Springfield area, the BTA's Bicycle Safety program brings safety education to middle schools every year. For more information, go to www.bta4bikes.org.

[BikeLane Coalition](#) is a local non-profit organization that promotes safe cycling in Lane County. Membership opportunities include the Corporate Membership option: web page for the company, commuting assistance and route planning; and the Premium Membership option that includes membership in the League of American Bicyclists, The League Magazine, Bicycle Magazine, Roadside assistance and the usual benefits of membership such as discounts at participating bike shops. A discount is offered for those already members of other local cycling organizations. For more information go to www.bikelanecoalition.org

[Center for Appropriate Transport \(CAT\)](#) is a non-profit organization committed to community involvement in manufacturing, using, and advocating sustainable modes of transportation. The first organization of its kind, the Center was founded in Eugene, Oregon in the fall of 1992. Since that time the CAT has established a number of projects under one roof designed to further this mission including Pedalers Express delivery service, education and youth programs, Eugene Bicycle Works community bike shop, and more. CAT has also established an apprenticeship program that focuses on cargo bike frame building. For more information, go to www.catoregon.org

[Eugene-Springfield Mossback Volkssport Club](#) - Volkssports, literally "popular" or "folk" sports, are organized walking, swimming, bicycling, roller skating, and cross-country skiing events providing exercise that contributes to physical fitness. The Mossback Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Willamalane Senior Adult Activity Center, 215 West C Street, Springfield. Please call 726-7169 or 747-6470, to verify meeting location. Club events are listed and described at their website, www.mossbacks.org. For more information contact Carmella at mossbacksclub@comcast.net.

[GEARS \(Greater Eugene Area Riders\)](#) invites the community to join club members on [several weekly bike rides](#). Rides vary in location, distance, and terrain. The main purpose of GEARS is

to foster bike riding. All cyclists must wear an ANSI or SNEL/ASTM approved helmet. Riders should also carry a water bottle, tire pump, spare tube and patch kit.

Everyone is welcome to attend Eugene GEARs Board Meetings. For more information or times and location go to www.eugenegears.org/

The Eugene Safe Routes to School Program is a community approach to encourage and enable more people to walk and bike to school safely. We support schools and families in their efforts to increase active transportation choices by supporting individual SRTS committees, growing bicycle and pedestrian education for adults and children, and working to establish policies that encourage healthy, fun, and safe transportation choices.

For more information contact Shane Rhodes at rhodes_sh@4j.lane.edu or 541-556-3553

Nordic Walkers: For more information on Nordic Walking classes and lesson costs contact Barbara or Dan Gleason: 345-0450 or 345-3974 or email them at nordicwalkerbg@comcast.net

COMMUNITY BIKE BLOGS

www.eugenecycles.com

www.webikeeugene.org

www.eugenebicyclist.com

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BUSINESS PARTNERS:

Walk a Smile In: Step up, step out, step forward! Avid longtime walker/retired nurse walks one-on-one with clients to support improving personal and planetary fitness. Call or email for details, charges, appointment. Gift certificates available. Call or email Jenny at 541-343-6049, walkasmilein@gmail.com.

The [Eugene Running Company](#) offers a diverse series of walking and running groups for people of all levels from beginner to the hard-core. All groups and training are lead in a fun and supportive atmosphere. For more information on dates and times go to www.eugenerunningcompany.com

Second Summer Tours is a group led by Rob Templin, a local rider in Eugene. Join Rob and friends as he shares some of the 'secret' paths that will challenge you with tough climbs but reward you with deserted, traffic-free riding; and scenery to take your breath away. Tours are based out of Eugene. For more information go to: <http://www.secondsummertours.com/oregon.php>

Spirited Walkers Group Joining the Spirited Walkers marathon training group is a wonderful way to start the new year by making commitment to becoming more healthy and active, whether you actually want to walk a marathon or not. Registered walkers meet once a month for a sit down meeting of guest speakers who cover information about yoga for walkers, nutrition, hydration, clothes, shoes, and mental training techniques. There is a large group walking every Sunday. Beginning and intermediate mileage schedules are available. If you are interested, please contact Kay Porter at 342-6875 or email kayporter1@comcast.net , or go to www.thementalathlete.com for more information on times and cost.

Walk With Me! Walk the World with Tyler Burgess, fitness walking instructor and marathon walking coach for the University of Oregon and Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. Tyler walks to see the world, whether it is a big city, foreign country or our own backyard. Free walking tours take place on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Meet at the end of High Street by the Campbell Senior Center. It is free, fun, and for beginners. For more information go to www.walk-with-me.com

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